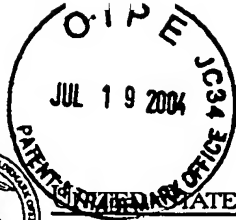


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*Filing Date Granted*Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52, 1.121(b)(3), and 1.125, is required. The specification, claims, or abstract page(s) submitted is not acceptable and cannot be scanned or properly stored because:
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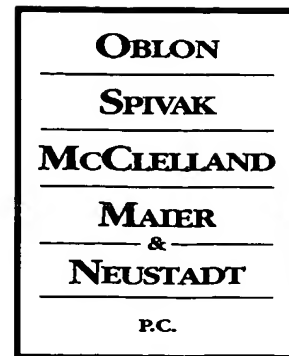
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Re: Inventor: Yoshihiro ICHIKAWA, et al.  
Serial No: 10/785,050  
Filed: February 25, 2004  
For: METHOD OF DETERMINING A SHIFT GATE POSITION FOR A  
VEHICLE TRANSMISSION AND A SHIFT GATE POSITION  
DETERMINING SYSTEM FOR THE SAME

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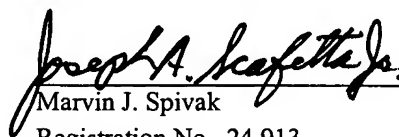
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Filing of Declaration/Declaration  
Request for Priority/Priority Document  
Response to Notice to File Missing Parts/Substitute Specification

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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Responsive to the notification dated May 18, 2004, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f),  
Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable  
action is earnestly solicited.

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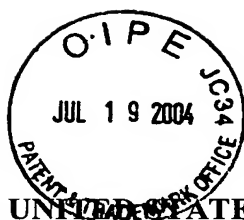
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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, the attached Substitute Specification is submitted herewith to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.52, 1.121(b)(3) and 1.125. No new matter has been added.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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